

Remarks

The comments in the Office Action are addressed in the order in which they were presented.

Specification

A substitute specification, conforming to the "Arrangement of the Specification" set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, is submitted herewith, including markings showing the changes made. This specification does not add new matter.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102 and US 103

Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the 102 and 103 rejections.

Applicant respectfully believes that the claims, as amended, are not anticipated, nor obvious, in view of the cited prior art.

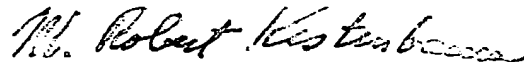
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 47, 48 and 50 have been amended to make them allowable.

We respectfully request that the Examiner give further consideration to the claims as now amended and allow them.

A three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested. PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment for the amount of \$980 is enclosed for the prescribed Large Entity three-month extension fee.

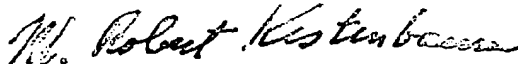
Respectfully submitted,



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Applicant Schumacher et al
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Amendment in response to Office Action mailed June 17, 2004 (10 pages),
Marked-Up Specification, three-month extension request and PTO-2038 is
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